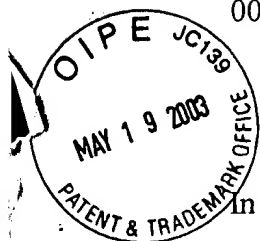


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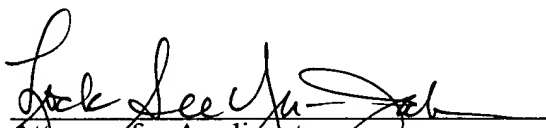
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We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the fee due under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2).

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